



July 2003

Youth Athletic Facilities Grant Program

Notice of Availability of Grant Funds

The Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) is accepting applications for the Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) Program. There will be a statewide competition in each of three categories: New, Improving or Renovating, and Maintaining of existing facilities. Estimated dollars available are \$765,000 in each category. ***Applications are due to IAC on October 1, 2003.***

The program focuses primarily on facilities for community recreation with a special emphasis on youth. Compatible multi-generation use – including amateur adult use – of facilities funded through this program is strongly encouraged. To achieve multi-generation use, applicants are encouraged to submit proposals for facilities sized for adults that may serve youth populations. ***Letters of Intent are due to IAC on September 1, 2003.***

Eligible recipients of these funds are Cities, Counties, and Qualified Nonprofit Organizations. A qualified nonprofit must meet these requirements:

- Is registered with the State of Washington as a nonprofit.
- Has been active in youth or community athletics for a minimum of three years.
- Does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, creed, gender, disability, or income.
- Does not require exclusive use of the facilities paid for through this program.

Eligible facility types are:

- Outdoor athletic facilities: baseball, field hockey, football, lacrosse, rugby, soccer, softball, open areas associated with track and field events, etc.
- Other outdoor facilities: basketball or tennis courts, swimming pool, etc.
- Support facilities (bleachers, parking, restrooms, signs, etc.) are eligible only if combined with active recreation elements.

Grant Categories:

New means the acquisition or development of land or structures to provide an outdoor recreation facility or facilities for community athletic purposes.

Improving [or renovating] means work done to add playing capacity to an existing athletic facility. Changing use, extending use, or expanding size may qualify for funding in this category.

Maintaining means work done to continue or retain use and capacity of an existing facility. This may be done by bringing it up to, or keeping it at, an accepted standard of safe use without changing use, size, or capacity of the facility.

Funding Limits and Match:

There are funding minimums *and* maximums for each category:

New: YAF minimum grant is \$25,000, maximum grant is \$150,000 per project
Improving: YAF minimum grant is \$15,000, maximum grant is \$75,000 per project
Maintaining: YAF minimum grant is \$5,000, maximum grant is \$25,000 per project

In the YAF Program, a minimum 50% match is required for all projects. Availability of this match must be confirmed before project approval. The match may come from a variety of sources, including: cash, donated land, labor, materials, or equipment use.

Applicants may submit more than one application. All elements in a single project application must meet the eligibility criteria for the category.

Getting Started:

Application materials and program guidelines may be downloaded from IAC's web page: http://www.iac.wa.gov/iac/grants/yaf_documents.htm

Documents to download include:

- IAC 2003 Letter of Intent
- IAC Application Forms, 5y – Youth Athletic Facilities Program
- IAC Manual #17, YAF: Policies and Project Selection

Don't forget the schedule: http://www.iac.wa.gov/iac/grants/yaf_schedule.htm

YAF application materials may also be requested by calling IAC at (360) 902-3000 or by sending an email to info@iac.wa.gov. Please enter "YAF Application Packet" in the subject line.